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NEW PLAN AND PROGRAMME FOR ERADICATION OF CHILD LABOUR
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any new plan and programme for eradication of child labour completely from the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds allocated for the purpose; and

(c) the time by which the said plan and programme are likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT(SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): No,Sir.Government is already implementing the National Child Labour Project Scheme for the elimination of child labour in 250 districts of 20 States of the country.Under the Scheme, children working in notified hazardous occupations and processes are withdrawn from work and put in special schools where they are provided with accelerated education, vocational training,mid-day meal, stipend, health care facilities etc.,before they are mainstreamed to regular education. Considering the magnitude of the problem, government is following a sequential approach of focusing on children working in hazardous occupations first and then covering children working in non-hazardous occupations.

For the 11th Plan, Government has proposed additional components such as provision of residential schools for migrant child labour,tracking and monitoring system, vocational training for adolescents,award schemes,more intensive awareness generation campaign etc.